

The Quartermaster General's UPDATE

Quarterly Report to the Senior Leadership of the Quartermaster Corps

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Fellow Quartermasters:

From Fort Lee, we wish everyone a Happy New Year. As the holiday season's festivities subside and the New Year begins, I need to highlight our 2009 accomplishments and introduce the 2010 schedule of significant events.

During 2009, the Quartermaster School (QMS) and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) earned TRADOC's highest accreditation level as "TRADOC Institutions of Excellence." The Quartermaster School is only the second school in TRADOC to achieve this distinction.

After 23 years of publishing, we closed the *Quartermaster Professional Bulletin* office with a final commemorative edition. Thanks to Dr. Steve Anders and the Bulletin staff for an award winning publication throughout the years.

Also in 2009, we moved the command group to the new Sustainment Center of Excellence building and transitioned our Professional Military Education courses (BOLC, CLC3, WOBC, WOAC, and the NCOA) to the Army Logistics University (ALU). The Quartermaster School remains responsible for the content of the training.

The new Deputy Commanding General-Initial Military Training (IMT) for TRADOC and his team conducted an assessment in December confirming that Initial Entry Training is the priority effort across Fort Lee and the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade. The Quartermaster School was recognized for many "Best Practices," and we are working diligently to address the "Improve" actions that were identified. The areas for improvement do not affect the quality of training for our Quartermaster Warriors.

2010 looks to be a year of great promise and opportunities as we continue the implementation of BRAC 2005 decisions. In 2010 the Quartermaster School will host the following important events:

QM Regimental CWO Change of Responsibility	8 February 2010
Army Culinary Arts Competition	1-12 March 2010
Philip A. Connelly Awards	15-18 April 2010
Army Women's Museum Homecoming	13-15 May 2010
Quartermaster Symposium	14-19 June 2010

Every New Year comes with its opportunities. I am confident that with your assistance, 2010 will be another great year of achievements for the Quartermaster School. I greatly appreciate your continued support for our Corps and Soldiers. Please let me hear from you as to how we at QMS can better support you. As always, I will listen to your comments, suggestions, questions, and critiques for future improvements. You can contact me at (804) 734-3683 (DSN 687) or at jesse.cross@us.army.mil.

Support Victory!


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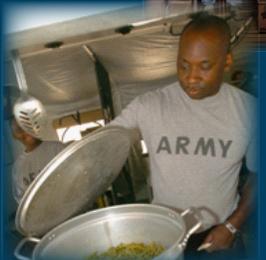
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JOINT PRECISION AIRDROP SYSTEM (JPADS)

JPADS 2K is a guided, high-altitude capable, precision airdrop system providing controlled flight upon release from the aircraft and reduced ground load dispersion through superior landing accuracy. JPADS 2K is authorized to operate at altitudes up to 24,500 feet mean sea level (MSL) and deliver containerized delivery system (CDS) loads from up to a 25-kilometer offset with greatly improved accuracies over conventional aerial delivery methods.

On 17 September 2009, the Aerial Delivery and Field Services Department (ADFSD) conducted the first CONUS Joint Precision Airdrop System operation on Dove drop zone, dropping two CDS bundles using the JPADS 2,000-pound parachute system.

One container bundle weighed 1540 pounds, and the other weighed 1600 pounds. The bundles were dropped from 4000 feet above ground level (AGL). The two bundles landed about 60 meters from the projected point of impact and about 10 meters away from each other.

On 24 September 2009, we conducted another airborne operation dropping two more CDS bundles using the JPADS 2K parachute. One bundle weighed 1600 pounds, and the other weighed 1680 pounds. These bundles were also dropped from 4000 feet AGL.

The JPADS 2K parachute system is currently being used in Operation Enduring Freedom to resupply forward deployed units with multiple classes of supply such as fuel and ammunitions. In some cases, due to the rough terrain, JPADS is the only means of resupply for those forward units.

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2010 QUARTERMASTER SYMPOSIUM

The 2010 Quartermaster Symposium will take place at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia, the week of 14-19 June 2010. The purpose of the Symposium is to facilitate discussions on Quartermaster functional issues, preview initiatives, address specific issues and concerns raised by the operating and generating forces, and recognize Quartermaster Corps excellence.

Symposium activities will begin the morning of 16 June with break-out sessions for sergeants major/command sergeants major, senior warrant officers and program manager displays. In addition to an excellent guest speaker list, we will also conduct dedication ceremonies. The events portion of the Symposium will culminate on 18 June with the Quartermaster Foundation-sponsored dinner and the Regimental Honors Program recognition ceremony. On 19 June there will be a Golf Scramble at the Fort Lee Cardinal Golf Course.

2010 REGIMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM

Annually the Quartermaster Corps recognizes the outstanding contributions of our most distinguished members and units. We have begun to accept nominations for those personnel and units deserving of recognition for their

distinguished service. Nominations are being accepted for the Quartermaster Hall of Fame, Distinguished Member of the Regiment, and Distinguished Unit of the Regiment.

Nominations will be reviewed by senior officers, warrant officers, NCOs and Civilians throughout the Quartermaster Corps. They will select the individuals for recognition based on their contributions to the Quartermaster Corps. People or units selected will be recognized and inducted at the 2010 Quartermaster Symposium during the Regimental Honors portion of the Foundation Dinner on 18 June.

Nominations will be accepted until 15 March 2010. Information on the eligibility criteria and other requirements are available at http://www.quartermaster.army.mil/oqmg/regimental_office/ro_nomination.html. For additional information regarding the Regimental Honors Program or the 2010 Quartermaster Symposium, please contact the regimental adjutant, CPT Lynessa Betts at (804) 734-3533 (DSN 687) or LEEQMRegimentaladjutant@conus.army.mil

FY2010 OFFICER SERVICE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM (OSMPP)

Beginning in February 2010, the United States Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) will conduct a quarterly panel to meet the future needs of the Army and enhance the branch/functional area transfer process. The Officer Service Management Pilot Program (OSMPP) empowers officers to make informed career decisions based on Army requirements. It will also balance the active competitive category (ACC) officer force at company and field grade ranks by specialty and year group with emphasis on service satisfaction. The end result is a program that allows officers to adjust their service paths based on Army requirements and realized service goals, thereby increasing retention among officers with the skills, experience, and commitment to lead our Army in the challenging years ahead.

In order to participate in this pilot program, Army ACC officers must meet the criteria outlined in MILPER Message 09-243, which can be found at <https://perscomnd04.army.mil/milpermsgns.nsf/WebFrameset?OpenFrameSet>. The POC for this action is CPT Joanna Mosby, joanna.mosby@us.army.mil, 804-734-3441 (DSN 687).

92Y UNIT SUPPLY SPECIALIST COURSE REVISION

Effective 1 October 2009, TRADOC approved an extension of the 92Y Unit Supply Specialist Course from 7 weeks and 1 day to 8 weeks and 2 days. In support of US Army operational forces, the Quartermaster General has instituted improved training strategies and initiatives. One of those initiatives is providing Soldiers and Civilians more training opportunities in accounting for Army property, use of the automated Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced (PBUSE) and the Automatic Identification Technology (AIT) enhancement to the state-of-the-art “web-based” accounting system. The Quartermaster General has provided his guidance to the training divisions, emphasizing that all skill levels would be incorporated into the training mix.

Given the operational tempo of our forces, it is difficult to think that a unit may have time to train all -20 level tasks to each and every Quartermaster Soldier. Beginning with the 92Y Unit Supply Specialist -10 skill level, an action plan called “bridging initiative” was developed to incorporate -20 skill level critical tasks into the -10 skill level advanced individual training to ensure -10/20 skill level training was conducted and received by Quartermaster Soldiers, especially during resident training. The training also ensures that transitioned and military occupational specialty-trained Soldiers in grades specialist through sergeants first class, attending resident training on Fort Lee receive a better understanding of more than just the apprentice level of the MOS training. The Unit Supply Specialist Course now includes additional property book accounting functions within the PBUSE automated system using selected roles assigned for property accounting appropriate to particular skill levels. Another block of instruction has also been added which describes the overall spectrum of accounting for property, emphasizing accountability and responsibility, asset reporting, relief from responsibility, and obtaining disposition and turn-in. Considerable emphasis is also given to the Command Supply Discipline Program as defined by the Army G-4 in numerous messages.

As this training strategy matures, it will become more hands-on, incorporating practical applications that a supply sergeant, property book NCO, or any senior supply staff NCO may use in the daily operation of unit and organization supply activities. Additional emphasis will be placed on readiness reporting, accounting for property

in split operations, and logistical planning. These new training initiatives have been incorporated into the revised Program of Instruction and will be continually reviewed for improving the content of the course.

To inquire or make a request for PBUSE/AIT training, coordinate through the following point of contact: Mr. Steve Pawlick, (804) 734 3481 (DSN 687) or steve.pawlick@us.army.mil.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND REGIMENTAL CSM VISIT THE DOVER AIR FORCE BASE PORT MORTUARY AND THE JOINT PERSONAL EFFECTS DEPOT

In October 2009, Joint Mortuary Affairs Center (JMAC) Sergeant Major Frank Rivero and 92M AIT Course Manager Dr. Lisa Leppo escorted Quartermaster General BG Jesse R. Cross and Quartermaster Regimental Command Sergeant Major (RCSM) Nathan Hunt through the Dover Port Mortuary. During their visit, they toured the facility, received a thorough briefing from the Air Force Mortuary Affairs operations director on the entire process associated with positive identification and mortuary processing within the Armed Forces Medical



MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT PERSONAL EFFECTS DEPOT AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND, WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL JESSE R. CROSS



INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS FROM 92M AIT CLASS 010-09 POSE IN FRONT OF THE DOVER AIR FORCE BASE PORT MORTUARY MEMORIAL WITH THE QM GENERAL BG CROSS, RCSM CSM HUNT AND JMAC SGM RIVERO

While touring the facility, the QM General and RCSM were able to view the 92M AIT Soldiers from Fort Lee training at Dover AFB and witness the 92M Soldiers assisting the armed forces medical examiner with processing personal effects associated with fallen heroes who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

After touring the port mortuary, the visiting party traveled to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, where the Joint Personal Effects Depot (JPED) Executive Officer LTC Kelly Kyburz briefed the QM General on all functions associated with processing the personal effects belonging to the fallen heroes and the medically evacuated from OIF and OEF. The JPED staff briefed individual functions related to the screening and processing of personal effects. The JPED is staffed by all services and every category of military personnel from individual ready reserve to retiree recall personnel. These dedicated personnel are trained in summary court martial officer duties and ensure that all the personal effects are screened, cataloged, and inventoried in accordance with Department of Defense policy. The QM General recognized several personnel on the tour as major contributors to the Defense Department's sensitive mission related to mortuary affairs and personal effects.

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FOOD SERVICE BUDGET IS CRITICAL

The food service budget is probably the most critical aspect of operating an effective food service program. Installations must have a justifiable tool built against real world costs associated with current operations. Knowledge of what your base operations contract supports is important; this will provide you with valuable information for developing your budget Program Objective Memorandum (POM) input. Dining facility equipment replacement

is a very important factor in the POM development as it relies on each manager to properly capture and input all their food service equipment in the Army Food Management Information System (AFMIS) so replacement costs can be programmed by POM years.

Ancillary costs should also reflect training, conferences, special events that enhance the food program, and travel requirements. Such costs are an investment in the program in that it provides opportunities for interaction with DOD and Army Food Program leaders, a voice in the decision making processes as a Food Program Advisor, and immediate insight on future initiatives. In view of current budget shortfalls and forced budgetary constraints at all levels, it is imperative that we use our resources wisely, but reducing a service is unwise and should be avoided. Soldiers can survive in many environments without a full complement of amenities, but food is not an option. POC is Mr. Frederick Jackson, (804) 734-3390 (DSN 687), frederick.jackson@us.army.mil.

THE PETROLEUM AND WATER DEPARTMENT ASSISTS THE DEFENSE ENERGY SUPPORT CENTER (DESC) IN DEVELOPING A JOINT TACTICAL PETROLEUM TRAINING COURSE

The Petroleum and Water Department (PWD) received a request from the Defense Energy Support Center (DESC) to assist in the development of a Joint Tactical Petroleum Training course. DESC has identified the need for this course and has convened a working group consisting of representatives from all service control points and from each service's petroleum technical training base. This Joint Tactical Petroleum Training course will be designed to bridge the technical equipment knowledge of the various service components. While PWD and Fort Lee are equipped to facilitate this course, the Joint community has established this working group to look at the capabilities of all services and to leverage the service that best meets the need of the Joint warfighter. While petroleum equipment has a lot of commonality, there are sufficient unique equipment characteristics to justify this course.

PWD's inventory includes all current petroleum operational equipment used within the United States Army and Marine Corps. Additionally, PWD staff consists of all service branches minus the Coast Guard. As the Executive Agent for Bulk Fuel, one of DESC's mandates is to ensure personnel deployed in support of DESC's mission have the appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities to facilitate mission success. With all the equipment on hand, the Petroleum and Water Department is uniquely postured to provide Joint level tactical petroleum training for the Joint community. POC is Mr. Robert A. Lias, (804) 734-2618 (DSN 687), robert.lias@us.army.mil.

QUARTERMASTER REGIMENTAL CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY ANNOUNCEMENT



CHIEF ANDERSON

Effective 8 February 2010, the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer position will transition from CW5 Matthew Anderson to CW5 Jack C. Van Zanten. CW5 Anderson will retire 1 July 2010 after more than 32 years of service to our Nation and our Army. Chief Anderson has served as the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer since 22 June 2007.

Chief Van Zanten comes to the Command Team from the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence where he has served as the Army's Food Service Advisor.



CHIEF VAN ZANTEN

NEW ARMY FOOD SERVICE ADVISOR



Also effective 8 February, Chief Warrant Office Five Jack C Van Zanten will relinquish responsibility as the Army's Food Service Advisor to Chief Warrant Officer Four Georgene Davis. Chief Davis will now join the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence team as the Army's Food Service Advisor. She previously served in the Army Logistics University as Warrant Officer Advanced Course 922A Instructor, the Senior Advance Food Service Instructor for the past twelve months and also served as the Officer in Charge of Field Operations Training Branch.



49TH QUARtermaster GROUP

COL STEPHEN CHERRY

CSM JAMES SIMS

The 49th Quartermaster Group is the only operational brigade-sized Forces Command (FORSCOM) unit on Fort Lee and is a cornerstone of the Fort Lee Community. The 49th Quartermaster Group is led by the Command team of COL M. C. Stephen Cherry and CSM James K. Sims who took over leading the 2500 Soldiers assigned to the Group on 22 July 2009. The mission of the Group is to rapidly deploy assigned and attached units to the theater of operations to provide theater-level bulk petroleum supply and distribution; petroleum quality surveillance; petroleum and water liaison; bulk water purification and distribution; mortuary affairs (MA) support; field services support; and Force Provider support. The 49th Group was a part of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) until 16 November 2009 when it was realigned under the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) based out of Fort Knox, Kentucky.



Currently, the 49th QM GRP is composed of two battalions, the 530th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, the 240th Quartermaster Battalion, and the Group Headquarters Company. Between these two Battalions there are 12 functional companies that rotate between garrison and deployed operations. Two units that recently returned to Fort Lee are the 506th QM Company Detachment 1 which provided Shower, Laundry and Clothing Repair (SLCR) operations in Iraq as well as providing security and inspection operations.

The 1-54th Mortuary Affairs (MA) Company provided mortuary affairs support across the Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility. There are currently eight deployed units, comprised of 878 Soldiers, that are supporting US and coalition forces across the CENTCOM theater. The 612th Movement Control Detachment (MCD) controls all movements in Kuwait. The 2-54th MA provides Mortuary Affairs in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 267th QM CO in Kandahar, Afghanistan and the 108th QM CO in Tallil, Iraq are conducting fuel support operations as well as convoy security operations. The 64th Transportation Company based out of Kuwait is providing much needed supplies throughout Iraq.



While 49th Group Soldiers are not deployed, they are training in preparation for upcoming deployments in Korea and at training facilities across the Continental United States as well as in our own backyard at Fort Lee and neighboring Fort Pickett and Fort A.P. Hill. Apart from training, the Soldiers at Fort Lee participate in every intramural sport league, run on the Fort Lee Army Ten Miler Team, volunteer in Army Community Service and the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program and their spouses and family members work at the various installation offices and services providing assistance to other installation members.

While the training focus will remain on continuing to deploy thousands of Soldiers and to prepare Soldiers and their units to deploy all over the world, taking care of Soldiers and their families and their overall well-being remains the top priority for the leaders of the 49th Quartermaster Group.



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